

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2006, which set a three-month period for response. Filed herewith is a Request for a One-month Extension of Time, making this amendment due by February 19, 2007.

Claims 1, 4, and 6-10 are pending in this application.

In the Office Action, the drawings and specification were objected to for various informalities. Claims 4-10 were objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper dependent claim form. Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,281,457 to Walton, II.

Turning first to the objections to the drawings, the specification has been amended to correct the reference numerals for clarity and proper correlation with the drawings.

With regard to objected-to reference numerals 48 and 301, the Applicants note that these numerals are indeed shown in the figures, in Fig. 2 and Fig. 5, respectively.

Figs. 1 and 3 were amended to delete reference numeral "16" and to label correctly the "second Fig. 5" on drawing page 4/4 as "Fig. 6".

The specification was amended further to add a cross reference to the related priority document, to delete reference to the claims, and to add standard headings. The abstract was also amended to address the objection.

Regarding the objection to claims 4-10 on grounds of improper multiple claim dependencies, the Applicants submitted a Simultaneous Amendment when the application was filed on November 3, 2005, which eliminated all multiple claim dependencies. Apparently, the Examiner did not receive that Simultaneous Amendment. Therefore, in the present amendment, the claims were amended again to delete all multiple claims dependencies.

To more clearly define the present invention over the cited reference, claim 1 was amended to add the features of claims 2, 3, and 5, as well as features disclosed in the specification. Claims 2, 3, and 5 have been canceled.

The cited reference to Walton II only shows a turbine driven circular hand saw with a turbine without gratings, with a housing eccentrically and rectangularly encompassing the tool/saw blade.

Walton II fails to show the following features as defined in amended claim 1: 1) a hand router with a tool oriented parallel to the longitudinal axis of the housing; 2) means which calm *any air* flowing in or out of the turbine; 3) gratings, especially two extra gratings, one for inlet and another for outlet purposes; 4) a concentrically encompassing housing, which is important for working with router bits and drill bits; 5) an outlet grating with air conveying elements; and 6) gratings which reinforce the housing.

Because amended claim 1 includes features that are not disclosed by Walton II, the rejection under Section 102 must be withdrawn. The Applicants submit further that Walton II cannot be an appropriate reference either under MPEP section 2131, which indicates that to anticipate a claim a reference must teach every element of the claim in as complete detail as is contained in the Applicants' claim, or under MPEP section 2143.03, since not all of the Applicants' claim limitations are taught or suggested.

For the reasons set forth above, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 4, and 6-10 as amended are patentable over the cited art. The Applicants further request withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102 and reconsideration of the claims as herein amended.

In light of the foregoing amendments and arguments in support of patentability, the Applicants respectfully submit that this application stands in condition for allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to discuss appropriate claim language that will place the application into condition for allowance.

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